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SUBJ: STATUS OF BLOCKED FUNDS (HOME INSURANCE COMPANY)

REF: (A) STATE 199186, (B) DICKEY TO ROCKE LETTER OF JULY 28, 1977,
(C) 76 RANGOON 2831, (D) DIECKEY TO MYRACLE LETTER OF AUGUST
12, 1976

1. EMBASSY HAS ALSO RECEIVED AN INQUIRY FROM THE BANGKOK
OFFICE OF THE HOME INSURANCE COMPANY REGARDING THE STATUS OF
THE FIRM'S BLOACKED ACCOINT IN BURMA. WE HAVE NOT YET RESPONDED
TO THAT INQUIRY AS WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DISCUSS THIS SPECIFIC
CASE WITH THE RESPONSIBLE GUB AUTHORITIES.

2. WE HAVE RECENTLY DISCUSSED THE STATUS OF MPEAA BLOCKED
ACCOUNTS WITH GUB AUTHORITIES (REF B), AND, AS THAT LETTER
INDICATES, THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN GUB POLICY REGARDING
THIS MATTER DURING THE PAST YEAR. THE STATUS REMAINS THE
SAME AS REPORTED IN REFERENCE C, I.E. THE FUNDS REMAIN FROZEN
PENDING A GENERAL POLICY DECISION ON THEIR RELEASE, AND AT
PRESENT THEY CAN ONLY BE RELEASED IN LOCAL CURRENCY ON A
CASE-BY-CASE BASIS TO MEET EXPENSES WHICH THE GUB HAS FIRST
APPROVED AS LEGITIMATE. THIS POLICY APPLIES IN GENERAL TO
ALL BLOCKED ACCOUNTS, BUT AS THE GUB AUTHORITIES HAVE EMPHA-
SIZED IN PAST CONVERSATIONS THE CASE-BY-CASE NATURE OF THEIR
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APPROACH, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN A SPECIFIC REPLY FROM
THEM REGARDING THE ACCOUNT OF THE HOME INSURANCE COMPANY.
WE DO NOT EXPECT THE ANSWER TO BE ANY DIFFERENT FROM THAT
STATED ABOVE, BUT WE BELIEVE OUR REPEATED QUERIES SERVE TO
REMIND GUB AUTHORITIES OF OUR CONTINUED CONCERN ABOUT THIS
ISSUE.

3. WE HAVE KEPT IN TOUCH WITH THE BRITISH EMBASSY REGARDING UK ATTEMPTS TO REACH AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GUB IN THIS MATTER (REF C). TO DATE THERE HAS BEEN NO PROGRESS IN OBTAINING THE RELEASE OF BLOCKED ACCOUNTS OF UK COMPANIES. BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICER NOTED THAT HE GAINED THE IMPRESSION THE BURMESE WERE PARTICULARLY ANTAGONISTIC TOWARD THE CLAIMS OF FOREIGN INSURANCE COMPANIES AND BANKS. IF SO, THIS DOES NOT AUGUR WELL FOR THE HOME INSURANCE COMPANY.

4. WE INTEND TO PRESS FOR AN ANSWER IN THE SPECIFIC CASE OF THE HOME INSURANCE COMPANY, AND REPLY TO THE QUERY FROM THE FIRM'S BANGKOK OFFICE. HOWEVER, IF, AS WE EXPECT, THERE IS NO CHANGE, WE SHALL NOT REPORT FURTHER TO THE DEPARTMENT AT THIS TIME. SHOULD THERE BE ANY CHANGE OR GOVERNMENT ACTION THAT MIGHT AFFECT THESE FUNDS, WE SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY.

5. AS REQUESTED, COPY OF REFERENCE D BEING POUCHED TO EA/TIMBS UNDERCOVER OF TRANSMITTAL SLIP.

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